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Before me the undersigned, authorized by law to administer oaths in cases of this character, personally appeared one GRAHAM ERDMURM, Major, Infantry, 0453371, who after being duly sworn deposes and says:

"In accordance with the established policies of the Office of Strategic Services in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations, I have continuously maintained a staff responsibility for the activities of Major Robert Bishop since his arrival in Bucharest, Rumania on 9 September 1944. In this position I have had the opportunity to observe the Reports published by Major Bishop and his associates as well as other observations on the operations of his unit by the Chief, American Military Unit, Bucharest, and by Mr. Francis Kalnay, who inspected these operations at my direction in December, 1944.

"It might be stated that Major Bishop's assignment to duty in Bucharest was made by the Strategic Services Officer, United States Forces in the Middle East, Cairo, without consultation with this Theater, as the entire staff of the American Military Unit, Bucharest was assembled in Istanbul, Turkey and proceeded from that Station to Rumania. They came under control of the Strategic Services Officer, Mediterranean Theater of Operations upon their arrival in Bucharest.

"Without any personal acquaintance with Major Bishop or any detailed knowledge of his prior activities in Cairo and Istanbul, I accepted in good faith that he had been selected for his duty in Bucharest as the best trained and most suitable officer available.

"In the period 9 September 1944 to 4 April 1945 Major Bishop and his associates have prepared six hundred and fifty six (656) intelligence reports, all of which have passed across my desk. I have no means available to evaluate the credence of these reports other than in the most general of terms, but on the basis of the material presentation therein as compared with reports received from other stations over which I have staff supervision, I would state as follows on any official Efficiency Report I might prepare on this officer:

"Major Bishop is apparently an easily influenced, remarkably gullible officer lacking in mature judgement. The reportorial accuracy of his official communications is often open to question, and there is an evident tendency to color the presentation in accordance with his personally held political beliefs. There is a noticeable lack of coordination and follow-up evident in his reports, which may possibly be ascribed to lack of personal interest in anything but the achievement of quantity production with the least amount of effort on his part, or to lack of comprehension of his proper duties. In comparing this officer with all other officers of similar rank and service known to me, I would place him in the lower third."

"With regard to specific instances concerning Major Bishop's activities which have been reported to me I consider of prime importance his apparently deliberate disregard of the instructions given him by his immediate Commander, Lieut. Col. Walter M. Ross, Chief of the American Military Unit, Bucharest, concerning his departure from that city which had been scheduled for 11 April 1945.

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"Major Bishop's relationship with Elisabeth Mezey-Feher (otherwise known as Jocky Christea) has been reported to me by Lieut. Col. Ross. At the time of interrogation of this woman in Naples between 25 April and 3 May 1945 her statements to me and to other interrogating officers definitely established that Major Bishop was closely connected with her clandestine departure from Rumania, to an extent that it is evident he deliberately disregarded General Schuyler's order concerning American military participation in any escape activity. In addition, he had transported with him at his departure personal effects of Miss Mezey-feher, together with his own luggage.

"This officer has at present in his luggage at this station approximately two hundred (200) fur pelts, property of one Abram Scerb, a Rumanian Citizen. Although Major Bishop has related to me varying explanations concerning these furs, there presence in this Headquarters is in evident disregard of United States Currency Control regulations and Rumanian Customs laws, as well as Theater regulations concerning the transport by military personnel of dutiable merchandise.

"Other activities on the part of this officer have also come to my attention, but documentary proof or statements of immediate witnesses is not presently available. These all emphasize my personal opinion as the staff officer responsible for Major Bishop's activities that his performance of duty from 9 September 1944 to 11 April 1945 would be rated as "Unsatisfactory" in accordance with the established scale."

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 15th day of
June, 1945.

/s/ Graham Erdwurm
/t/ GRAHAM ERDWURM
Major, Infantry

/s/ William S. Mackenzie

/t/ WILLIAM S. MACKENZIE, 1st Lt. AC, Summary Court

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